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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (May 1-15, 2007)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish Armed Forces General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) From May 1-15, 2007, six security personnel died in clashes with the PKK or in IED explosions in Diyarbakir, Sirnak and Hakkari provinces. During the same period 19 security officials were wounded.

¶3. (U) The TGS website for the first half of May did not refer to any PKK terrorists being killed, but did report that security forces arrested 27 PKK terrorists. Among those 27, three were turned over by the KDP at the Turkey-Iraq border, and another three by Iranian authorities.

¶4. (U) The Turkish military reported 20 clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in the region. Security forces unearthed dozens of PKK shelters and caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. (U) Quarterly statistics:

--NOTE: May 2007 figures are for May 1-15 only.

CLASHES        NUMBER

May 2007      20 clashes  
April 2007    38 clashes  
March 2007    13 clashes

CASUALTIES

## Security Forces

May 2007 6 KIA, 19 WIA  
April 2007 18 KIA, 16 WIA  
March 2007 5 KIA, 4 WIA

## PKK

May 2007 0 reported KIA, 27 captured/arrested  
April 2007 2 KIA, 47 captured/arrested  
March 2007 9 KIA, 18 captured/arrested

## CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 76  
April 2007 109  
March 2007 61

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